DONORS Ending the Year Well

As I reflect on 2016, I am so proud of the things we achieved with your support. Donors, volunteers and nonprofit partners are essential to Legacy’s work in the community. Here are two examples of what we accomplished this year:

» Rescued over 24,000 lbs of food from schools in the City of Hammond that would have gone to waste and redistributed it to local food pantries and soup kitchens. (Food Bank of NWI School Food Rescue Program)

» Created 18 mutually enriching, one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities at Griffith High School. (Best Buddies Griffith HS Chapter)

You helped make this possible! We are so grateful to have you as a partner in our mission to positively transform Lake County.

But, our work is not done. I am asking you to help us accomplish even more in 2017 with a gift right now! Your tax-deductible donation to the Lake County Community Fund (LCCF) means we can continue to fund projects that create healthy, successful, and inclusive communities.

The grants we make from LCCF support vital services in Lake County. However, if you have a cause or charity that is dear to you, Legacy Foundation gives you the flexibility to choose where to donate. You can find a complete list of Legacy Foundation funds on our website at legacyfdn.org

This season give the gift of real impact. Your donation means nonprofits in Lake County will always have the resources they need to make a difference.

Yours in Philanthropy,
Carolyn, CFRE
President
GRANTS Investing in the Good Work in our Community

This fall Legacy Foundation granted over $378,000 to nonprofit organizations that positively transform lives and neighborhoods in Lake County.

TRANSFORM LAKE COUNTY RECIPIENTS
American Legion Post
Autism Society of IN
Boys & Girls Clubs NWI
Challenger Learning Center NWI
Chicagoland Immigrant Welcome Network
City of Hobart
CRWorks
Dunes Learning Center
Early Learning Partnership NWI
East Chicago Education Foundation
Food Bank NWI
Girls on the Run NWI
HealthLinc
Honor Flight Chicago
Hospice of the Calumet Area
Indiana Ballet Theatre
International Institute/LACASA
Indiana Parenting Institute
Nazareth Home
Pathway to Adventure Council-Boy Scouts of America
Salvation Army
South Shore Arts

THRIVING HOBART SENIORS RECIPIENTS:
Maria Reiner Center
School City of Hobart
South Lake County Community Services

KNIGHT FOUNDATION DONOR ADVISED FUND:
Accion
Better Block Foundation
Calumet Artist Residency
City of Gary Parks Department
Decay Devils
Devoted 2 Healing
Gary Black Film Festival (Fractured Atlas)
MBACD
Nelson Algren Society
NWISBDC

Program descriptions for each grant recipient can be found at: legacyfdn.org/recentrecipients.php

To support the ever changing needs of Lake County, consider a gift to the Lake County Community Fund. You can make that gift by returning the enclosed envelope or by clicking DONATE NOW on our website.
NEW FUNDS Donors Give Through Legacy Foundation

For over 20 years, Legacy Foundation has partnered with organization, families, individuals and corporate philanthropists to help them define and achieve their charitable goals. Below are two of the Foundation’s newest funds.

Patricia Merrell Memorial Transportation Fund

Patricia Merrell cared about the wellbeing of seniors and disabled citizens in her hometown of Merrillville. The Patricia Merrell Memorial Transportation Fund was established to provide transportation to and from medical care facilities and grocery stores for Merrillville seniors or those with disabilities. Caregivers of Merrillville seniors and disabled residents are eligible for transportation to and from their patients’ homes.

John W. Anderson Foundation Scholarship

John W. Anderson was a successful entrepreneur and business owner. He founded the Anderson Company and manufactured automotive parts under the brand name ANCO. As a generous philanthropist, Mr. Anderson used his wealth to benefit after-school clubs developing the character of youth. In 1967 he purchased an old Moose Lodge building that later became the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana.

John W. Anderson Foundation Scholarship furthers John W. Anderson’s philanthropic intentions. He directed his assets to educational activities and scholarships for deserving youth. By providing this scholarship for Northwest Indiana, the Foundation will help the youth where the Anderson Company had its success.

For a complete list of Legacy Foundation funds, visit www.legacydn.org and click DONATE NOW

Welcome New Board Members

Shelbie Byers
Shelbie practices Management Side Labor and Employment Law in Crown Point at Drewry Simmons Vornhem, LLP. In addition to joining the Board, Shelbie has worked with Legacy this year to offer three free training seminars for nonprofit organizations to help them establish employee policies and procedures and be prepared for changes in the law. “Legacy’s mission, ‘Building a culture of philanthropy across generations that will positively transform Lake County’ excites me because as a resident and working professional in Lake County I am passionate about impacting my community.”

Jim Dunne
Jim is Vice President and Wealth Advisor at First Merchants Bank. He lives and works in Munster. Jim said he is excited about joining Legacy’s Board because of “the opportunity to work with some of the region’s best and brightest to help facilitate philanthropy within the community.”

R. Louie Gonzalez
Campus President R. Louie Gonzalez has resided in Lake County for the duration of his life and has dedicated his Ivy Tech career in service to the city of East Chicago for the past 29 years. “Living and working in a community full of first-generation college students, it is heartening to offer the selfless assistance necessary to ease the burdens many students and their families encounter.”

Richard Leverett
Richard moved back to Gary from Chicago 10 years ago. After law school, and a brief stint in LaPorte County, he worked for three years with the City of Gary. Now he covers all 20 northern Indiana counties as Director of External Affairs for AT&T. Richard said, “From my time in Gary, the Legacy Foundation was beginning to become active and involved in new community development programs including Neighborhood Spotlight and the Choice Neighborhood planning grant for University Park East. It’s an exciting time to be connected with a community foundation really ingrained in the community.”
The IRA charitable gift rollover permits individuals who are 70½ to rollover up to $100,000 from their IRA to charity free from federal income tax. An IRA rollover gift also qualifies for your required minimum distribution, permitting you to lower your income and taxes for this year while helping support our mission.

Contact us at (219) 736-1880 or your IRA plan administrator to learn more about how you can make a qualified transfer to Legacy Foundation.